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Dear Ms. Rutson:

My family and I have been residents of Barrington, Illinois for more than 32 years. I am well aware of the normal traffic flow through and around town and of how the railroads affect that traffic. I recently heard that Canadian National Railway Company has proposed a project that would bring at least 15 more trains across many of the major routes essential to living and working here. This alarmed me greatly. I became even more concerned when I heard this estimate did not account for large increases expected in train traffic throughout the Chicago area over the next 20 years. This drastic increase will result in noise, traffic, delays and, of the most importance, safety problems at the many railroad crossings in town.

The increased train traffic will be a major problem from where we live east of downtown Barrington. Train tracks must be crossed to get to Barrington High School, to get to the local park district with its swimming pool, to get to Good Shepherd Hospital, as well as to get to the majority of local doctors' offices.

I have been informed that you are responsible for reviewing Canadian National Railway Company's proposal. I think the effects I discussed above warrant serious consideration before you allow Canadian National to move forward. You hold the safety and well-being of not only my family, but that of the entire region in your hands. I trust that you and the Board will thoroughly review Canadian National's proposal for any and all effects on the environment and affected communities. Please do not approve this proposal until you are certain that safety, noise and traffic will not suffer. Thank you.

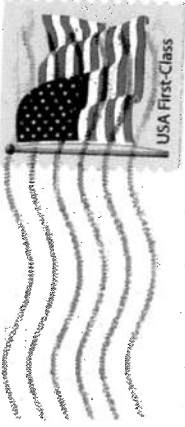
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